

A RESOLUTION to honor the Metropolitan Baptist Church and Dr.
Fred C. Lofton.

WHEREAS, every once in a while, there emerges an outstanding church composed of individuals who display dedication, and through their faith in the Lord, commit their services to assisting and shaping the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, the God-fearing family of Metropolitan Baptist Church are such people who by their talents, give to those who are in need of spiritual inspiration; and

WHEREAS, this divine temple of the Lord was founded in 1896 and has faithfully served the community for a number of years; and

WHEREAS, Metropolitan Baptist Church first conducted service in a frame building located on the corner of Vance Avenue, now, Fourth Street which was called the "Cracker Box" due to its size; and

WHEREAS, blessed by God, Metropolitan is graced with the outstanding leadership of Dr. Fred C. Lofton. Dr. Lofton, a man of God and a remarkable Christian, exemplifies the characteristics of a true leader; and

WHEREAS, Metropolitan is grateful for the support of the community in which it fervently serves, reaching out to those who have lost their way, seeking to worship God and rejoice in the sacrifice of Christ; and

WHEREAS, the outstanding Dr. Fred C. Lofton is noted for his eloquent sermons and is widely recognized for Christian service and leadership in the Memphis area; and

WHEREAS, Metropolitan Baptist Church has continued to serve its community and has been faithful to the will of God in all of its endeavors; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pay tribute to this outstanding house of worship; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby commend the Metropolitan Baptist Church and Dr. Fred C. Lofton on their exemplary service to the people of Memphis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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